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Dear Sirs,

Re: Publication of a Warning about International Sanctions in E1 Tenders

Three tenders issued by the Custodian of Government Property and the Ministry of Housing for construction in E1 in Ma'ale Adumim are currently underway:

1. Tender No. 186/2026 for the construction of 1,234 housing units – open for bids until October 19, 2026;
2. Tender No. 460/2025 for the construction of 2,167 housing units – expected to open for bids on October 25, 2026;
3. Tender No. 68/2026 for the construction of an employment and commercial complex – expected to open for bids on November 2, 2026.

Several countries have recently announced their intention to impose sanctions on those who participate in construction in E1. This is a real threat with far-reaching consequences for anyone participating in construction, and even for banks and institutional investors that provide guarantees or help finance the construction. **As the initiators of the tender, you have a duty, at the very least, to inform those considering participation in the tender of the possible consequences of participating and the associated risks.**

On August 21, 2026, following the opening of the tender for bids, the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Canada, and Norway issued a [joint warning](#) to those who would participate in construction in E1:

"Businesses should refrain from considering submitting bids for the construction tenders [in E1]. They should be aware of the legal and reputational consequences, including the risk of involvement in serious violations of international law."

On September 8, 2026, the British government [announced](#) a new sanctions regime under which sanctions could be imposed for involvement in, financing of, and assistance with construction in settlements, including an explicit warning to those who would participate in construction in E1:

"Any individual or company involved in illegal settlements, including in the E1 area, will be exposed to sanctions imposed by the United Kingdom."

Prime Minister Andy Burnham [announced](#):

"We will impose sanctions on individuals and companies that support, assist, or profit from illegal settlements. This includes any business or investor taking part in the construction of the E1 settlement."

Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband made a [similar statement](#). Prime Minister Burnham also [repeated the warning](#) before the UN General Assembly on September 22, 2026.

On September 23, 2026, 19 U.S. senators [introduced](#) a [bill](#) to impose sanctions on those who participate in construction in E1:

"Mandatory sanctions – The President shall impose the aforementioned sanctions on any foreign person who ... was responsible for or involved in, or engaged or attempted to engage, directly or indirectly, in construction ... in the E1 area."

The bill explicitly mentions participation in E1 tenders from August 18, 2026, onward.

On October 1, 2026, 42 members of the U.S. Congress introduced a [bill](#) to end settlements, which includes sanctions on those who participate in construction in settlements and explicitly mentions construction in E1.

These are only some of the international statements issued recently concerning countries' intentions to impose sanctions on those involved in construction in E1. It is important to emphasize that even if the sanctions regime is not yet in force, the danger remains real and imminent, since it concerns every future stage of the construction process, which is expected to take several years. Anyone who becomes involved in a project in E1 today places themselves at risk of international sanctions, and you have a duty to warn of this possibility.

You are therefore required to publish an explicit notice in the tender documents informing potential bidders of the risks involved in participating in the tender.

Please inform us of your decision on this matter as soon as possible so that we can decide on our next steps.

Sincerely,

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